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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT**

Sirs:

In response to the Notice of Abandonment mailed June 13, 2001, applicant submits herewith copies of the declaration as filed and the returned stamped/received postcard both dated June 26, 2000. The declaration transmittal form (PTO-1390) and postcard shows that the Declaration/POA and surcharge were submitted and received by the Patent Office on June 26, 2000.

It is respectfully requested that the applicants has meet the requirements of a complete application and is in form for examination. Accordingly, such examination and favorable action are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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